

REMARKS

By this amendment, the Abstract of the Disclosure has been added as the last page of the application (page no. 12). The separate page for the Abstract of the Disclosure is attached.

An amendment to the specification is also made to identify the PCT International Application.

Claims 1-7 are currently pending. Claims 1-7 have been amended in order to conform them to the U.S. practice. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should be charged to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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